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ROADCHECK 2006 FOR TRUCK AND BUS SAFETY

The North Dakota Highway Patrol will participate in the nineteenth annual International Roadcheck to be held June 6-8, 2006, throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Annual Roadchecks are sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), North America's leading commercial vehicle safety enforcement organization.

Roadcheck 2006 will emphasize promoting both safety and security on North American highways through the inspection of commercial vehicles and drivers. This year's Roadcheck also will encourage commercial vehicle drivers to wear their seat belt. According to recent studies, only about 54 percent of truck drivers heed the federal law that requires them to wear a seat belt. Truck and bus safety inspectors will be checking vehicles and their drivers at inspection sites along major highways.

Certified inspectors from the North Dakota Highway Patrol will be conducting roadside inspections at the Apple Creek rest area east of Bismarck on I-94. Drivers will be examined for compliance with hours of service and other driver regulations; vehicles will be inspected for compliance with equipment regulations. "These inspections are about promoting safety and saving lives on our highways," said NDHP Motor Carrier Operations Director Doyle Schulz. "Our goal is to form partnerships with the motor carrier industry and work together as a team to prevent commercial vehicle traffic crashes."

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